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SUBJ: USA INSTITUTE EXPERTS ON ARMS CONTROL ISSUES

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1. IT IS OF COURSE DIFFICULT TO SAY WITH ANY PRECISION HOW COMPLETELY MILSHTEYN IS BRIEFED BUT MY IMPRESSION, AS WELL AS THAT OF OTHERS WHO HAVE TALKED TO HIM RECENTLY, IS THAT HE IS WELL AWARE OF THE MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS IN THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT HIS COMMENTS PROBABLY REFLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION.

2. ON QUESTION OF "RESTRAINT", I FIND AFTER CHECKING AROUND THAT HAROLD BROWN AND ROBERT KLEIMAN, WHO HAVE BEEN HERE RECENTLY AS GUESTS OF ARBATOV'S USA INSTITUTE, BOTH TALKED ON SEPARATE OCCASIONS TO MILSHTEYN AND ARBATOV ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OF A JOINT U.S.-SOVIET DECLARATION AT TIME OF SIGNING SALT-II EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF NOT RPT NOT BUILDING UP TO TOTALS PERMITTED UNDER VLADIVOSTOK AND ALSO THE INTENT OF PROCEEDING SOONEST TO REDUCTIONS. BOTH BROWN AND KLEIMAN (WHO HAVE DEPARTED USSR) APPARENTLY INDICATED THEIR PERSONAL VIEWS THAT THERE MIGHT BE RECEPTIVITY ON THE AMERICAN SIDE TO SUCH AN APPROACH. I BELIEVE MILSHTEYN'S AND ARBATOV'S COMMENTS RELATED TO SUGGESTIONS FROM THESE SOURCES AND NOT TO ANYTHING

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